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SUBJECT: UNCTAD DOCUMENTATION ON HARD FIBERS PREPARATORY
MEETINGS

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1. KNOTE OF FRG GAVE EMBOFF A COPY OF UNCTAD HARD FIBERS PAPER,
TD/B/IOC/HARD FIBERS/L.2 OF 18 NOVEMBER 1976 TO COMPARE WITH
ORIGINAL FAO DRAFT, REFTEL.

2. COMPARISON SHOWS THAT FINAL UNCTAD PAPER IS ALMOST EXACTLY
SAME AS DRAFT FAO PAPER WITH A FEW NIT-PICKING EDITORIAL CHANGES.
FOR EXAMPLE, FAO STATE USEFULNESS OF "WELL-FUNDED RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS" WHILE UNCTAD EDITING CHANGES THIS TO
"ADEQUATELY FINANCED R AND D EFFORTS".

3. UNCTAD ALSO OMITTED PARAS 7 AND 8 OF ANNEX ON WORK OF FAO'S
INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON HARD FIBERS RELATING TO PRICE RANGE
AND GRADES AND PRODUCTION CONTROL WAS AN INTERNAL NATIONAL
PROBLEM.

4. FINALLY CHAPTER 1 "SUMMARY" PARAS 7-29 ARE TOTALLY NEW
IN UNCTAD PAPER, BUT SEEMS TO BE REASONABLY ACCURATE SUMMARY.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION PASSING ABOVE INFORMATION TO
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KNOTE. HE IS LOOKING FOR DIVISION BETWEEN FAO AND UNCTAD, BUT

SO FAR COOPERATION SEEMS COMPLETE AND REASONABLY HARMONIOUS.
DELAYS IN TRANSMITTING DOCUMENTS AND DIFFICULTIES IN SCHEDULING
MEETINGS ARE ONLY IRRITATIONS SEEN FROM HERE. BEAUDRY

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